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TO AMEMBASSY SOFIA IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: APER, PFOR, BU

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION TO GOB THAT BATJER CHARGE

REF: SOFIA 1085

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1. CHARGE SHOULD TELL SUBEV THAT DEPARTMENT FAILS TO UNDERSTAND BULGARIAN INSISTENCE THAT NOTIFICATION OF CHARGE DESIGNATION MUST COME DIRECTLY FROM SECRETARY TO FONMIN MLADENOV. ACCORDING TO VIENNA CONVENTION (ART. 19) NOTIFICATION CAN BE MADE BY HEAD OF MISSION OR BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF SENDING STATE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF RECEIVING STATE. THERE IS NO STIPULATION THAT NOTIFICATION MUST BE FROM MINISTER TO MINISTER. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT DEPARTMENT'S NOTE OF AUGUST 17 TO THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY, INFORMING THE EMBASSY OF CHARGE DESIGNATION AND ASKING IT TO NOTIFY THE MFA CONFORMS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION. (FYI: BULGARIAN EMBASSY HAS TOLD US THAT TEXT OF NOTE HAS BEEN CABLED TO MFA.) IF SUBEV HAS NOT SEEN THIS NOTE YOU SHOULD READ  
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HIM FOLLOWING TEXT: BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BRINGS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY OF THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC THAT HELENE A. BATJER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED CHARGE D' AFFAIRES AD INTERIM OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SOFIA. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THIS DESIGNATION AT ITS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON D.C., AUGUST 17, 1973. END TEXT.

2. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT APART FROM THIS QUESTION WE ALSO FAIL TO UNDERSTAND BULGARIAN INSISTENCE THAT NOTIFYING MESSAGE BE SENT VIA INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES RATHER THAN THROUGH EMBASSY FACILITIES. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT WE CONSIDER BULGARIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SOFIA AS THE NORMAL AND PROPER CHANNELS FOR TRANSMITTING OFFICIAL MESSAGES BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS. WE FIND IT STRANGE THAT MFA IS ASKING DEPT. TO BYPASS BOTH BULGARIAN EMBASSY AND AMERICAN EMBASSY IN COMMUNICATING WITH BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN SOFIA.

3. YOU SHOULD NOTE, IN CONCLUSION, THAT WE EXPECT THIS MATTER CAN BE EASILY RESOLVED AND WOULD WELCOME AN EXPLANATION BY THE BULGARIAN SIDE OF THE UNUSUAL POSITION WHICH IT HAS TAKEN. ROGERS

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